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RESTORE PARKS AND RECREATION ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS AND NATURAL AREA PROGRAMS

On April 21, 2009, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to report back during Budget Deliberations with a determination of whether or not sufficient funds are available to fully restore the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Adult and Senior Recreation and Natural Area Programs, and the feasibility of restoring Senior Recreation Programs through working with the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS). In addition, your Board instructed the Director of Parks and Recreation to report back during Budget Deliberations with a determination of whether establishing new or increased fees could fully or partially restore all of the aforementioned programs.

Given the possibility of additional State reductions resulting from the failure of the budget related measures on the May 19, 2009 State Special Election and uncertainties related to County locally generated revenues, it is not feasible to restore the Department of Parks and Recreation Adult and Senior Recreation and Natural Area Programs. In addition, due to reduced revenue projections we are recommending additional curtailments in Final Changes to the 2009-10 Budget.

We continue to explore all potential funding possibilities to restore these programs. This effort includes a Countywide fee exercise and analyzing Departmental fee data in an effort to determine if fee increases are a means by which additional County reductions can be mitigated, or by which programs can be restored. Our findings and recommendations in this regard will be submitted for your Board's consideration in the future.

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With respect to your Board's directive to determine the feasibility of restoring DPR Senior Recreation Programs through working with CSS, the Departments are currently working together to identify CSS senior programs which may present referral opportunities for Parks' seniors. At this time, it is estimated that DPR will be able to refer approximately 10 percent of its senior program participants base to CSS for similar programs. The Departments believe the referral process will be in place by July 1, 2009.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Anthony Baker at (213) 974-1135, or via e-mail at abaker@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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